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REPORT

OF THE

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS

OF THE

LUNATIC ASYLUM,

FOR THE

Borough of Birmingham,

AS

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL,

BEING THEIR

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT;

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORTS OF THE MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT AND CHAPLAIN;

ALSO AN ACCOUNT OF THE

RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS TO THE END OF THE YEAR 1861.

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Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum.

COMMITTEE OF VISITORS.

HENRY MANTON, Esq., MAYOR.

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MRS. KNIGHT, MATRON.

Lunatic Asylum Committee of Visitors.

REPORT

FOR THE YEAR 1861,

PRESENTED TO THE TOWN COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 18th, 1862.

As required by the Lunatic Asylum Act of 1853, the Committee of Visitors of the Birmingham Borough Lunatic Asylum present their annual Report for the year 1861 to the Town Council.

On the 1st of January, 1861, the number of Patients in the Asylum was	344
Admitted in the year	142
Total	486
Discharged in the year	80
Died	30
Total discharged and died	110
Leaving in the Asylum on the 31st December, 1861	376

They were chargeable as follows :—

Birmingham Parish	293
Birmingham Borough	8
Aston Union	48
King's Norton Union	6
Bridgnorth Borough	6
Warwick County.	2
Patients not Paupers	13
Total	376

The daily average number of Patients resident through the year was 360.

Twenty-five of the cases admitted had been previously in this Asylum.

Ten of the Patients discharged were taken away by their friends, the same being sanctioned by the Committee.

Six Patients were removed to the Workhouse for want of room in the Asylum. Fourteen were removed to other Asylums, being cases not chargeable to the Parish or Borough of Birmingham; and six Patients absconded, which were not recaptured.

The Income and Expenditure for the year is as follows :—

Income from Parishes, Unions,			
Private Patients, and Goods			
sold	£8210	18	9
Expenditure for Maintenance, &c.	7691	3	8
Balance		519	15 1
Receipts from Farm and Garden,			
with Stock	2638	12	0
Expenditure ditto	2448	14	4
Balance		189	17 8
Total Balance in favour of the Asylum	£709	12	9

The Treasurer's Accounts for the year are as follows :—

Amount due to Treasurer, Dec. 31st, 1861,	£2783	5	7
Tradesmen's Accounts for December Quarter	860	0	8
Total	£3643	6	3
Arrears of Accounts due to			
Asylum, Sept. 30th	£1563	7	8
Accounts due Dec. 31st, 1861	2933	4	5
Total	£4496	12	1
Balance in favour of Asylum	£853	5	10

The charge per week for Maintenance, &c., through the year has been as follows :—

	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>
To Parishes in and Borough of Birmingham	8	6
„ Bridgnorth Borough	11	0
„ Outlying Parishes	11	6
„ Private Patients 8 <i>s.</i> 6 <i>d.</i> and	12	6

These charges are sixpence per week in advance of the year 1860 (with the exception of Bridgnorth); this advance was deemed advisable by your Committee from the high price of provisions and other things required for the maintenance of the Institution.

From January 1st to December 31st, 6663 relations and friends visited the patients at the Asylum, and many patients have been permitted to visit their homes, leaving the Asylum in the morning and returning in the evening. There was on an average 242 patients attending Chapel; and 235 daily employed.

Two of the Commissioners in Lunacy visited the Asylum on the 31st of October, and again on the 1st of November; the following passages are from their Report :—

“ During our visits the Patients were generally free from excitement, and no one was restrained or secluded.

“ Very few of the Patients were in bed, and their bodily health is generally good. The last entry in the Medical Journal shews that 4 men and 5 women are under medical treatment.

“ Of the whole body of Patients, 233 are habitually employed in various ways, and all the clothing, shoes, &c., are made on the premises.

“ All the wards were very clean, and quite free from any offensive odour. The bedding was also in excellent order; we noticed with satisfaction the comfortable and cheerful appearance of several of the Galleries, which have lately been papered, decorated, and furnished; and we are glad to hear that the other Galleries will gradually be made to resemble them.

“ We have inspected the Land, consisting of about eighteen acres, which has recently been added to the Asylum property; a pathway runs along the western boundary of it, and we think it very desirable that this should be closed, if powers can be obtained for so doing.”

The Asylum has been regularly visited by Members of the Committee, at uncertain periods, and their reports show the good condition of all connected with its cleanliness, order, and management; also the tranquility and general satisfaction of the patients.

The ventilation continues to work well, there is a good supply of water; the warming of the galleries is satisfactory, and the drainage (with one exception) has been effective through the year. The alterations made in the front Galleries answer well their intended purposes,—the open fire-places in these galleries have a very cheerful appearance, and the galleries themselves form a comfortable sitting room, affording ample space for all the patients to group themselves round the fire, or otherwise. These galleries have been papered and painted, entirely dispensing with whitewash.

On the Male side, the floors both of the bed-rooms and galleries are dry polished, therefore free from all damp and unhealthiness caused by scouring them, while for cleanliness, this method of polishing floors and painting walls and ceilings, is preferable to scouring and whitewashing.

The alterations in the Laundry, forming part of the plan for enlarging the Asylum, were completed previous to commencing the additions to the general building. This alteration consisted in making day-room and sleeping accommodation for thirty patients and their attendants, with bath-room, scullery, &c., for the same. The work was done by J. Hardwick and Son, at a cost of £563. 10s., and the whole was finished and furnished by the end of May last; since that time twenty-eight patients have been located there, and employed in doing the washing of the Establishment. Alterations have also been made in the Kitchen apartments, giving accommodation to five female patients who are employed there. These arrangements made room for the increased number of female patients, and although the Asylum through the year has been so overcrowded, the health of the inmates has been remarkably good.

The occupation of the patients continues to afford not only one of the best means towards their restoration to health, but the Institution is benefited thereby. The value of their labour for the year, estimated at a very low rate, amounts to £810. 10s. 7d.

The purchase of the eighteen acres of Land for the use of the Asylum is completed, and the Committee of Visitors proposed to the

Guardians of the Poor of the Parish of Birmingham a mutual exchange of the land belonging to the said Guardians adjoining the Asylum Estate, for a portion of the land purchased adjoining the Workhouse. Your Committee have to report that so advantageous an exchange to both parties was not agreed to by the Guardians.

The plans for enlarging the Asylum, prepared by Mr. Martin, the architect, and sanctioned by the Council, were submitted by advertisement to contractors in the month of May last, when ten tenders were received, from which the Committee selected that of Messrs. Chambers and Hilton, their tender being £8339—the highest tender was £13,175. 14s. 3d.—the work was commenced on the 14th day of June, and was to have been completed by the end of October, which probably would have been the case, but from the difficulty experienced by the Contractors in procuring stone, &c., in the quantity and of the quality required. The works however have progressed so far, that the front blocks will be finished ready for furnishing by the end of the present month, when the house will be relieved from its now overcrowded state.

Your Committee hope when the extension of the Asylum is completed, to afford some accommodation to a class of persons in the Borough who by their means are shut out from private Asylums, or by paying the rates charged therein are soon reduced to poverty, and ultimately find their way through the Parish into your Asylum.

In no town in England is Lunatic Asylum accommodation for the middle class of its inhabitants more required than in Birmingham, as this class of persons under the affliction of insanity are entirely unprovided for, and in this respect are worse off than the pauper. This question, it is hoped, will shortly receive the consideration it requires from the Legislature, and arrangements will be made by which the insane of the middle class of society will be admitted into the Public Asylums.

(Signed,)

CHARLES STURGE,
Chairman.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH

MALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

- Sunday* . { 9 oz. undressed Meat, free from Bone (roasted).
16 oz. Potatoes, or other Vegetables.
3 oz. Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Monday and Thursday* . { Meat and Potatoe Pie (crust 12 oz., Meat 4 oz.) and
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer; or 16 oz. of Suet Pudding, with
raisins and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.
- Tuesday and Friday* . { 8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled).
16 oz. of Potatoes or other Vegetables.
and 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Wednesday* { $1\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of Irish Stew (of 4 oz. Meat and 16 oz. Vegetables), and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, with 3 oz. of Bread.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.
- Saturday* . { $1\frac{1}{2}$ pint Pea Soup (Meat same as Stew) & 6 oz. Bread,
or 16 oz. of Rice or other Pudding, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

TO PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

At 11 o'clock a.m. 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, & $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer;
at 4 o'clock p.m. $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer, from Lady-day to Michaelmas.

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

LUNATIC ASYLUM, 1861.

FEMALE DIETARY.

BREAKFAST.

1 pint of Coffee, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

DINNER.

- Sunday* . { 8 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (roasted).
12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables.
3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Monday* { Meat and Vegetable Pie (crust 9 oz. Meat 3 oz.), and $\frac{1}{2}$
and { pint of Beer; or Suet Pudding 12 oz., with raisins,
Thursday . { and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet these days of Meat and Vegetables.
- Tuesday* { 7 oz. of undressed Meat, free from bone (boiled).
and { 12 oz. of Potatoes, or other Vegetables.
Friday . { 3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
- Wednesday* { 1 lb. of Irish Stew (4 oz. Meat, & 12 oz. Vegetables)
3 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.
- Saturday* . { 1 pint of Pea Soup (Meat same quantity as Stew), and
6 oz. of Bread, or 12 oz. of Rice or other Pudding,
and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.
Extra diet this day of Meat and Vegetables.

TEA.

1 pint of Tea, 6 oz. of Bread, and $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. of Butter.

Extra diet as per Medical order.

To Laundry Workers, Kitchen Patients, and House Cleaners, at 11 o'clock am., 4 oz. of Bread, 1 oz. of Cheese, and $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of Beer.

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

SALARIES AND WAGES.

<i>Officers, Attendants, and Servants.</i>	<i>To what Account charged.</i>	<i>Amount per Annum.</i>		
		£	s.	d.
† Medical Superintendent	To Necessaries Acct.	350	0	0
Chaplain	ditto	100	0	0
* Clerk of Asylum, of Visitors, and Steward	ditto	160	0	0
* Matron	ditto	60	0	0
* Assistant Clerk	ditto	30	0	0
Baker and Brewer	Maintenance Acct.	65	0	0
Stoker and Assistant Brewer	ditto	58	10	0
* Ten In-door Male Attendants	ditto	225	0	0
* One Male Night ditto	ditto	25	0	0
* Ten Female ditto	ditto	181	0	0
* One Female night ditto	ditto	20	0	0
* Two Laundry . ditto	ditto	40	0	0
* Two Kitchen ditto	ditto	29	0	0
* Two House Maids	ditto	18	0	0
† One Gardener (Wife Front Lodge Keeper)	Farm & Garden acct.	71	10	0
Three Out-door Attendants	ditto	156	0	0
† One Farm Man (Wife Dairy Woman)	ditto	52	0	0
† One Engineer (Wife Side Gate Keeper)	Building Rep. Acct.	78	0	0
One Carpenter	ditto	72	16	0
One Painter, Bricklayer, &c.	ditto	69	12	9
One Tailor	Clothing Account	65	0	0
One Shoemaker	ditto	65	0	0
		£1991	8	9

Marked thus * have Maintenance, &c.

Marked thus † Apartments, Fuel, and Gas.

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males . .	163	165	169	170	171	171	170	170	169	169	171	170	169
Females .	180	184	187	192	192	192	187	189	194	195	198	201	191
Total . .	343	349	356	362	363	363	357	359	363	364	369	371	360

Greatest Number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year, 376, December 31st, 1861.
Lowest Number of Patients in the Asylum in the Year, 342, January.

MONTHLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED.

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Year's Average.
Males . .	77	86	81	84	94	93	90	90	89	88	87	85	87
Females .	145	146	144	147	149	147	146	149	151	148	151	153	148
Total . .	222	232	225	231	243	240	236	239	240	236	238	238	235

YEARLY AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM.

Years.	1851	1852	1853	1854	1855	1856	1857	1858	1859	1860	1861
Patients.	246	270	272	283	281	295	312	345	353	346	360

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, AND DRAPERY FURNITURE, MADE AND REPAIRED IN THE YEAR.

ARTICLES MADE.		ARTICLES REPAIRED.	
Coats . . .	30	Coats . . .	} 1030
Jackets . . .	65	Jackets . . .	
Vests . . .	88	Vests . . .	
Trousers . . .	85	Trousers . . .	} (pairs) 945
Frocks for Working Men	14	Boots . . .	
Caps for Men . . .	98	Shoes . . .	
Drawers for Men (pairs)	2	Slippers . . .	
Braces (pairs) . . .	96	Sheets . . .	1698
Belts . . .	53	Blankets . . .	298
Quilted Sheets . . .	4	Bolster and Pillow Cases	1896
Mattress Cases . . .	169	Counterpanes . . .	231
Boots (pairs) . . .	128	Mattress Cases . . .	26
Shoes (pairs) . . .	6	Carpets . . .	240
Slippers (pairs) . . .	52	Window Blinds . . .	75
Shirts . . .	309	Window Curtains . . .	17
Chemises . . .	291	Table Cloths . . .	402
Night Jackets . . .	94	Towels . . .	588
Petticoats . . .	198	Shirts . . .	1450
Flannel Vests . . .	33	Chemises . . .	3073
Dresses . . .	227	Under Vests . . .	638
Aprons . . .	221	Petticoats . . .	1509
Day and Night Caps . . .	398	Skirts . . .	1393
Scarfs . . .	24	Dresses . . .	2774
Neck & Pocket Handker- chiefs . . .	504	Drawers (pairs) . . .	450
Bolster Cases, Tick . . .	56	Night Gowns . . .	1504
Shrouds . . .	12	Caps . . .	2356
Carpets . . .	63	Aprons . . .	1614
Stockings Knitted (pairs)	54	Neck and Pocket Hand- kerchiefs . . .	1055
Stockings re-footed (pairs)	187	Bonnets . . .	1202
Shaving Cloths . . .	28	Men's Frocks . . .	120
Table Cloths . . .	66	Men's Scarfs . . .	25
Window Blinds . . .	31	Men's Stockings (pairs)	8457
Window Valances . . .	18	Women's Stockings (pairs)	5468
Bed Furniture . . .	3	Shawls . . .	120
Sheets . . .	265	Stays . . .	534
Pillow Cases . . .	303		
Towels . . .	310		
Cushions for Boxes & Chairs	15		
Dusters . . .	590		
Iron Holders . . .	60		
Kneelers for Scourers	25		
Rubbers for Polishing Floors	27		

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ARTICLES OF CLOTHING AND DRAPERY FURNITURE DELIVERED OUT OF STORE IN THE YEAR.

CLOTHING.

Aprons . . .	239
Bonnets . . .	97
Boots (pairs) . .	167
Shoes (pairs) . .	15
Slippers (pairs) . .	66
Braces (pairs) . .	90
Caps (Men's) . .	43
Caps (Women's) . .	406
Chemises . . .	360
Flannel Vests . .	58
Gowns . . .	251
Handkerchiefs and Scarfs	402
Jackets and Coats .	62
Men's Frocks . .	15
Night Jackets . .	118
Petticoats . . .	269
Ribbons . . (yds.)	220
Shirts . . .	265
Stays . . .	47
Shawls . . .	34
Shrouds . . .	11
Stockings—Men's (pairs)	101
Stockings—Women's (do.)	251
Trousers . . .	96
Waistcoats . . .	100
Flannel Drawers . .	4
Bead Nets, for the hair	72
Worsted . . (lbs.)	90

FURNITURE.

Blankets . . .	180
Sheets . . .	304
Counterpanes . .	48
Pillow Cases . .	307
Palliasses . . .	72
Mattresses . . .	37
Bolsters . . .	37
Bed Sackings . .	5
Carpets . . .	64
Mattress Cases . .	60
Cushions for Boxes & Chairs	15
Door Mats . . .	9
Sheets (strong) . .	7
Macintosh ditto . .	12
Table Covers . . .	4
Tea Cloths . . .	66
Table Cloths . . .	36
Window Blinds . .	31
Fringe . . (yds.)	175
Cheese Cloths . .	8
Towels . . .	189
Feather Beds . . .	2
Feather Pillows . .	3
Window Valances . .	25

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

AVERAGE NUMBER OF PATIENTS EMPLOYED, WITH THE AGGREGATE OF DAYS AND VALUE OF LABOUR.

	Males.	Females.	No of Days.	At	Value of Year's Labour.
					£ s. d.
At Farm Buildings and on the Grounds	29	"	311	4d.	150 6 4
" Cleaning Galleries and Ward Helpers	33	21	311	1½d.	104 19 3
" House Cleaning	"	4	311	1½d.	7 15 6
As House, Gate, and Town Porters	2	"	311	4d.	10 17 4
" Shoemakers	1	"	108	6d.	2 15 0
" Tailors	5	"	308	6d.	38 10 0
" Upholsterers	1	"	311	6d.	7 15 6
" Painters and Whitewashers	3	"	292	6d.	21 18 0
" Carpenters	3	"	287	6d.	21 10 6
" Engineers and Smiths	4	"	305	6d.	30 10 0
" Bakers and Brewers	1	"	301	6d.	7 10 6
In the Coal and General Stores	5	"	311	4d.	25 18 4
" the General Kitchen	1	9	365	2d.	30 8 4
" the Laundry and Washhouse	"	28	311	4d.	145 2 8
At Needlework	"	72	311	2d.	186 12 0
" Knitting	"	12	311	1d.	15 11 0
" Grinding Malt, &c.	2	"	48	1½d.	0 12 0
" Writing	2	"	230	1d.	1 18 4
	92	146			£810 10 7

W. F. KNIGHT, Clerk, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS ADMITTED EACH YEAR FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

	1850.		1851.		1852.		1853.		1854.		1855.		1856.		1857.		1858.		1859.		1860.		1861.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Birmingham Parish .	91	79	48	59	28	33	31	41	21	36	18	30	35	38	63	45	59	55	37	46	52	54	57	65
Birmingham Borough .	1	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	7	4	4	1	1	3	3	1	1	0	3	1	0	0
Aston Union .	3	3	5	0	7	4	6	6	5	6	5	10	3	5	9	6	7	8	8	6	9	5	9	7
King's Norton Union .	6	3	7	7	1	0	2	3	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1
Outlying Parishes .	11	10	28	15	6	7	2	2	1	2	3	4	3	4	0	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	1
Private Patients .	0	0	4	2	15	16	43	35	41	23	23	16	33	0	21	1	21	8	10	8	1	0	1	0
Total .	112	95	93	83	58	63	87	88	72	68	56	65	78	48	98	56	92	74	58	60	67	61	68	74
Total admitted each year	207		176		121		175		140		121		126		154		166		118		128		142	

W. F. KNIGHT, CLERK, &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

NUMBER OF PATIENTS DISCHARGED & DIED EACH YEAR FROM THE OPENING OF THE ASYLUM.

	1850.		1851.		1852.		1853.		1854.		1855.		1856.		1857.		1858.		1859.		1860.		1861.	
	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died	Dis.	Died
Birmingham Parish .	8	10	30	20	13	25	28	28	32	29	26	16	38	21	37	33	59	28	70	31	37	25	37	23
Birmingham Borough .	0	0	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	1	3	0	6	2	2	1	3	0	1	1	0	2	0	0
Aston Union .	0	0	0	3	2	2	6	4	6	4	6	5	5	0	6	2	7	3	12	5	6	10	4	4
King's Norton Union .	0	0	2	3	9	2	4	2	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Outlying Parishes .	3	0	31	4	43	6	15	1	8	3	5	2	5	4	5	1	8	2	16	0	18	0	16	1
Private Patients .	0	0	0	0	21	2	41	11	54	7	42	5	32	4	26	3	25	3	13	1	5	4	2	1
Discharged and Died .	11	10	64	31	89	37	98	47	101	46	84	28	86	31	78	40	105	36	113	38	66	41	80	30
Total .	21		95		126		145		147		112		117		118		141		151		107		110	

Total number of Patients Discharged from the opening of the Asylum . . . 975.

Total number of Patients Dead from the opening of the Asylum 415.

W. F. KNIGHT. CLERK. &c.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PARISHES, UNIONS, &c., TO WHICH PATIENTS HAVE BEEN CHARGEABLE IN THE YEAR,
WITH THE DISCHARGES, &c., BELONGING TO EACH.

Parishes, Unions, County, and Private Patients.	In the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1861.	Admitted in the Year.	TOTAL.	Transferred from.	Transferred to.	Discharged.	Died.	Total discharged, died, &c.	Remaining in the Asylum Jan. 1st, 1862.
Birmingham Parish .	258	122	380	8	.	56	23	87	293
Birmingham Borough	8	.	8	.	.	.	.	.	8
Aston Union .	42	16	58	1	.	5	4	10	48
King's Norton Union .	6	2	8	.	.	1	1	2	6
Bridgnorth Union .	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	1	5
Atherstone Union .	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Bromsgrove Union .	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Bristol Union .	.	.	.	.	2	2	.	2	.
Cambridge Union .	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Warwick County .	5	.	5	.	5	8	.	8	2
Prestwich Union .	.	.	.	.	1	1	.	1	.
Westbromwich Union	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
Newton Abbott Union	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Brighton Union .	1	.	1	.	.	1	.	1	.
Private Patients .	15	1	16	.	.	2	1	3	13
Total .	344	142	486	9	9	80	30	119	376

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BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

PROVISIONS CONSUMED AND ARTICLES DELIVERED OUT OF STORE, &c., DURING THE YEAR.

ARTICLES.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTAL FOR THE YEAR.
Meat . . .	3807	3633	4233	4115	3895	3939	4013	4336	3702	4309	5069	4969	50,020 lbs.
Flour . . .	752	649	810	773	812	729	764	786	716	795	754	775	9115 stones.
Bread (home-made) . . .	11,672	10,640	12,196	12,208	12,646	12,482	12,665	12,556	12,258	12,562	12,324	12,682	146,891 lbs.
Potatoes . . .	88	82	91	77	97	85	78	43	89	103	93	117	1043 bushels
Other Vegetables . . .	£37/5	£35/9	£4/17/3	£4/7/0	£8/11/8	£11/16/1	£16/6/8	£28/18/8	£12/7/7	£4/11/3	£8/9/5	£7/10/10	£114/9/7
Cheese . . .	305	354	398	319	474	416	405	429	318	429	308	353	4508 lbs.
Butter . . .	604	629	640	770	718	640	719	645	781	626	692	767	8231 lbs.
Eggs . . .	72	147	134	232	251	197	73	192	67	43	75	91	1574.
Fish . . .	16/3	£1/9/9	£3/17/6	—	£4/18/10	£6/7/11	£6/10/10	—	—	—	—	£1/10/5	£25/11/6
Poultry and Game . . .	17/3	—	8/0	—	—	6/4	£1/2/0	£1/3/0	16/9	15/11	8/0	£1/8/0	£7/5/3
Malt . . .	73	76	43	86	73	45	71	73	58	88	80	46	812 bushels.
Hops . . .	91	80	45	99	81	65	91	90	94	113	115	61	1025 lbs.
Ale (home-brewed) . . .	86	125	120	120	120	60	60	120	60	60	120	120	1171 galls.
Beer (ditto) . . .	1050	1100	1000	1100	1300	1100	1200	1200	1200	1100	1100	1100	13,550 galls.
Porter . . .	72	—	72	—	—	—	—	72	—	—	72	—	288 pt. botis.
Wine . . .	12	2	—	1	—	—	2	1	2	—	—	11	31 bottles.
Spirits . . .	5	—	1	3	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	11	24 bottles.
Milk . . .	273	228	238	255	282	261	269	284	246	269	270	296	3171 gallons
Tea . . .	66	61	67	78	76	71	77	72	76	64	72	66	846 lbs.
Coffee . . .	81	71	79	67	78	76	65	78	76	58	77	73	879 lbs.
Sugar . . .	513	473	586	529	554	560	607	537	635	542	530	564	6630 lbs.
Rice . . .	334	296	308	320	346	370	54	14	14	—	40	14	2110 lbs.
Corn Flour . . .	4	7	3	8	11	7	5	2	5	5	8	2	67 lbs.
Split Peas . . .	96	96	96	102	72	120	96	120	60	72	120	112	1162 lbs.
Currants . . .	2	2	4	—	3	—	—	13	—	2	15	64	105 lbs.
Raisins . . .	115	87	120	133	72	48	24	132	112	86	98	185	1212 lbs.
Fruit.	£1/5/6	—	—	1/9	0/6	5/9	2/4	3/7	1/0	11/6	14/10	£4/11/10	£7/18/4

Pepper	•	7	6	9	8	7	9	52	54	54	2	4	5	5	17	122 lbs.
Salt	•	3	4	2	4	2	6	2	3	5	4	6	5	11	12	90 lbs.
Vinegar	•	—	—	3	—	—	3	4	2	2	2	4	6	5	8	46 cwt.
Chicory	•	54	50	39	53	55	—	52	54	53	52	52	53	54	10	27 gallons
Drugs	•	£1/14/10	£1/18/4	£5/3/8	£2/11/2	£3/2/7	£4/17/11	£4/1/11	£2/16/7	£4/11/6	£2/19/11	£2/19/11	£4/11/6	£3/12/11	£3/11/5	624 lbs.
Tobacco (ozs.)	•	192	192	164	240	246	246	248	272	224	328	328	224	288	224	£41/2/9
Soap	•	455	392	407	405	410	359	410	389	469	392	392	469	336	377	179 lbs.
Soda	•	230	207	160	110	185	187	209	205	211	201	201	211	180	200	4801 lbs.
Blue	•	4	4	4	7	4	6	5	4	6	4	4	6	3	2	2285 lbs.
Starch	•	7	6	7	8	7	7	10	8	8	12	12	8	8	10	53 lbs.
Candles	•	21	18	15	25	10	7	9	10	28	15	15	28	18	25	98 lbs.
Coal	•	49.15	73	125.10	46.10	73.15	77.10	73.10	77	76	93	93	76	99	124	201 lbs.
Firewood	•	£3/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£2/0/0	£2/1/1	—	£2/9/9	£1/0/0	£1/0/0	£2/0/0	£2/0/0	£1/0/0	£1/15/0	£1/0/0	988½ tons
Gas	•	—	—	335,800	—	—	81,100	—	—	—	101,500	101,500	—	—	368,600	£18/5/10
Matches	•	—	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	1	—	—	887,000 feet
Black Lead	•	7	7	7	—	7	—	7	—	7	7	7	7	7	7	5 gross
Blacking	•	77	69	62	61	107	110	72	72	72	144	144	72	72	144	63 lbs.
Bath Bricks	•	4	15	16	10	9	10	15	8	12	11	11	12	12	15	1062 cakes
Hair Brushes & Combs	•	3/9	1/3	3/6	—	1/3	7/6	10/0	—	—	3/9	3/9	—	2/6	5/0	137.
Scouring Flannel	•	£3/8/9	£2/15/0	£3/8/9	£3/1/3	£3/0/0	£2/0/0	£3/0/0	£2/0/0	£2/15/0	£2/7/6	£2/7/6	£2/15/0	£2/1/3	£3/8/9	£1/18/6
Beeswax	•	3	4	4	4	6	7	4	8	2	5	5	2	3	4	£33/6/3
Books, Printing, Post- age, &c.	•	£3/13/9	£5/10/7	£4/8/1	£1/8/5	£10/3/1	£6/13/4	£3/8/9	£3/10/5	£2/18/7	£6/1/11	£6/1/11	£2/18/7	8/2	£6/11/0	54 lbs.
House Brushes	•	£2/13/9	£2/9/2	£2/4/1	£2,11/10	£1/18/1	£1/7/3	£2/2/11	£1/3/2	£2/6/5	£2/2/1	£2/2/1	£2/6/5	£2/14/1	£1/14/6	£54/16/1
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INCOME FOR THE YEAR, FROM WHENCE DERIVED.

Parishes, Unions, Private Patients, &c.	March Quarter,		June Quarter.		September Quarter.		December Quarter.		Total for the Year.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Birmingham Parish .	1471	17 11	1559	5 0	1563	7 8	1618	12 3	6213	2 10
Birmingham Borough	43	14 0	44	4 0	44	13 9	44	13 9	177	5 6
Aston Union .	246	11 10	270	19 4	261	0 9	257	12 3	1036	4 2
King's Norton Union	32	6 6	27	12 6	27	18 9	32	14 9	120	12 6
Bridgnorth Union .	35	7 1	35	15 0	36	2 10	37	14 2	144	19 1
Atherstone Union .	0	9 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	9 10
Bromsgrove Union .	0	6 6	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	6 6
Bristol Union .	9	4 0	.	.	.	.	.	.	9	4 0
Cambridge Union .	7	7 10	7	9 6	3	12 4	.	.	18	9 8
Warwick County .	3	5 8	10	6 4	10	5 5	9	13 10	33	11 3
Prestwich Union .	.	.	.	.	5	3 6	.	.	5	3 6
Westbromwich Union	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	18 1	0	18 1
Newton Abbott Union	2	7 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	2	7 10
Brighton Union .	4	8 2	.	.	.	.	.	.	4	8 2
Private Patients .	102	14 0	89	9 1	94	5 2	93	18 10	380	7 1
	1960	1 2	2045	0 9	2041	10 2	2095	17 11	8147	10 0

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DAILY AVERAGE NUMBER AND COST OF PATIENTS FOR EACH QUARTER ;

ALSO AVERAGE COST AND NUMBER OF PATIENTS FOR THE YEAR.

Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending March 31	350
Charge per Week for the same : Paupers 8/6, 11/. & 11/6 ; Private 8/6 & 12/6	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	7/8½
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending June 30	362
Charge per Week for the same : Paupers 8/6, 11/. & 11/6 ; Private 8/6 & 12/6	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/2¼
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending Sept. 30	359
Charge per Week for the same : Paupers 8/6, 11/. & 11/6 ; Private 8/6 & 12/6	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/0½
Daily Average Number of Patients for the Quarter ending Dec. 31	369
Charge per Week for the same : Paupers 8/6, 11/. & 11/6 ; Private 8/6 & 12/6	
Cost per Week per Patient for the same period	8/10¾
Total Number of Patients under treatment in the Year	486
Daily Average Number of Patients resident.	360
Average Weekly Cost per Patient for the Year	8/2½

SUMMARY OF THE COST PER PATIENT PER WEEK FOR THE YEAR.

	s.	d.
Provisions (including that of Officers, Attendants and Servants)	4	4¼
Medicine, Wine, Spirits, and Porter	0	0½
Necessaries (as Soap, Coal, Gas, Brushes, &c.)	0	10¾
Clothing and Repairs of same (including Shoemaker's & Tailor's Wages)	0	6¼
Salaries of Officers, Attendants, and Servants	1	5¼
Cabinet, Earthenware, Ironmongery, and Drapery Furniture	0	4¼
Building, and Repairs of same, with Wages of Engineer, Carpenter, Painter, Mason, &c. ; also Taxes and Insurance, Bank Charges, &c.	0	7¼
Total per Week	8	2½
Less for Goods sold from the House, and Profit on Farm and Garden	0	3¼
Actual Cost per Patient per Week for the Year	7	11¼

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE, FROM Income.

HEADS OF INCOME.	March 31.	June 30.	September 30.	December 31.	TOTAL.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
To Parishes and Unions, for Maintenance, Clothing, Medicine, care of Lunatics, and Funeral Expenses .)	1857 7 2	1955 11 8	1952 5 0	2001 19 1	7767 2 11
To Private Patients, for Maintenance, Medicines, and Attendance . . .)	102 14 0	89 9 1	94 5 2	93 18 10	380 7 1
To Sundries Sold from the House, and ditto supplied to the Farm)	14 13 11	12 0 5	22 0 3	14 14 2	63 8 9
To Receipts from the Farm and Garden)	.	.	.	.	2638 12 0
	1974 15 1	2057 1 2	2068 10 5	2110 12 1	10,849 10 9

LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ANUARY 1st TO DECEMBER, 1861.

Expenditure.

HEADS OF EXPENDITURE.	March 31.			June 30.			September 30.			December 31.			TOTAL.		
<i>Provisions.</i>	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Meat	292	2	10	348	10	3	355	10	3	414	8	7	1410	11	11
Flour	237	13	7	252	12	4	215	1	7	236	10	6	941	18	0
Tea, Coffee, and Chicory	37	15	11	42	18	1	41	18	4	38	16	4	161	8	8
Sugar	30	0	8	28	10	1	29	19	8	26	13	2	115	3	7
Ale and Beer	90	2	1	94	7	11	96	5	1	104	0	6	384	15	7
Wine, Spirits, and Porter	4	12	4	1	1	4	1	14	6	4	9	6	11	17	8
Fish, Poultry, and Game	7	8	9	11	13	1	9	12	7	4	2	4	32	16	9
Potatoes & other Vegetables	68	1	2	75	5	6	100	17	8	91	0	0	335	4	4
Peas, Arrowroot, Rice, } Sago, Patent Corn Flour, } Spices, &c. }	10	16	3	10	0	3	3	3	11	3	5	0	27	5	5
Currants, Raisins, & Fruit	6	3	2	4	14	9	4	19	10	13	0	11	28	18	8
Milk and Eggs	26	1	9	29	9	0	28	0	0	28	14	1	112	4	10
Butter and Cheese	112	0	11	127	4	10	115	15	9	119	7	10	474	9	4
Vinegar, Pepper, Salt, and } Mustard }	2	7	2	3	6	5	2	8	5	3	17	5	11	19	5
Tobacco, Snuff, and Pipes	5	9	7	7	1	1	8	5	3	7	5	8	28	1	7
Drugs	8	16	10	10	11	8	9	18	5	11	15	10	41	2	9
<i>Necessaries.</i>															
Coal	124	2	9	91	9	2	111	12	1	134	11	0	461	15	0
Gas	47	17	0	11	11	2	14	9	3	52	10	6	126	7	11
Firewood, Candles, and } Matches }	6	13	1	5	8	2	6	13	0	5	13	6	24	7	9
Soap, Soda, Starch, & Blue	18	14	7	18	7	5	19	8	5	17	18	5	74	8	10
House Brushes, & Scour- } ing Flannel }	16	19	6	13	18	5	12	15	8	15	0	0	58	13	7
Hair Brushes and Combs	0	8	6	0	8	9	0	13	9	0	7	6	1	18	6
Books, Printing, Postage, } and Stationery }	13	12	5	18	4	10	13	1	1	9	17	9	54	16	1
Bath Bricks, Blacking, } Black Lead, & Chimney } Sweeping }	1	13	7	2	12	11	0	13	6	1	13	9	6	13	9
Sundries	3	11	9	10	7	4	12	16	6	8	19	4	35	14	11
Clothing	105	7	5	121	18	5	120	9	1	147	9	6	495	4	5
Salaries & Wages charge- } able to Patients }	324	7	0	326	0	1	335	3	10	349	1	1	1334	12	0
Cabinet, Hardware, Dra- } pery, and Ironmongery } Furniture }	57	8	1	89	16	2	69	9	7	110	9	6	327	3	4
Building, Repairs of } Building, Wages, and } Materials }	83	2	11	144	0	11	91	16	4	151	17	7	470	17	9
Taxes, Insurance, and } Bank Charges }	.	.	.	29	5	10	37	13	4	19	17	6	86	16	8
Advances to Private Patients	.	.	.	0	8	4	0	0	6	1	6	4	1	15	2
Funeral Expenses	4	2	6	2	1	6	1	5	0	4	10	6	11	19	6
Farm and Garden, <i>see a/c</i>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	2448	14	4
Balance in favour of } Asylum for the year . . . }	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	709	12	9
	1747	14	1	1933	6	0	1871	12	2	2138	11	5	10,849	10	9

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FARM, GARDEN, AND STOCK ACCOUNT.

Income.				£	s.	d.	Expenditure.				£	s.	d.
To	24,363 lbs. of Beef, at 6d. & 7d. per lb.	.	.	683	12	4	By	Live and Dead Stock, Jan. 31st, 1861	.	.	428	10	0
"	11,590 lbs. of Mutton, at 6d. & 7d. per lb.	.	.	329	0	7	"	37 Cows, Calves, and Fat Beast purchased	.	.	724	19	11
"	9,113 lbs. of Pork, at 6d. & 7d. per lb.	.	.	257	7	0	"	145 Sheep purchased	.	.	352	17	4
"	794 lbs. of Veal, at 6d. & 7d. per lb.	.	.	22	13	8	"	42 Pigs purchased	.	.	103	16	6
"	2,384½ gallons of New Milk (to the Borough Prison), at 1s. per gall.	.	.	119	4	8	"	Provender and Straw	.	.	379	14	0
"	3,158½ gallons of Milk (to Asylum) at 8d. per gall.	.	.	105	5	8	"	Seed Potatoes, other Seeds and Plants	.	.	31	12	8
"	354½ lbs. of Fresh Butter, at 1s. 3d. per lb.	.	.	22	3	6	"	Manure (including Lime)	.	.	66	8	0
"	1,503 Eggs, at 1d.	.	.	6	5	3	"	Rent, Tithe, Rates and Taxes	.	.	30	1	7
"	816 bushels of Potatoes	.	.	176	19	0	"	Coal	.	.	6	3	11
"	79 bushels of Pig ditto	.	.	3	19	0	"	Wages	.	.	290	14	2
"	52 tons of Swede Turnips, at 16s. per ton	.	.	41	12	0	"	Farm Implements and Tools	.	.	24	5	10
"	21 tons of Mangold, at 16s. per ton	.	.	16	16	0	"	Sundries	.	.	9	10	5
"	92 bushels of Oats	.	.	14	7	6	"	Profit on the year's transactions	.	.	189	17	8
"	One Cow sold	.	.	13	0	0							
"	Poultry	.	.	5	13	0							
"	Green Vegetables	.	.	114	8	2							
"	Rick of Oat Straw	.	.	8	0	0							
"	Rick of Hay	.	.	9	0	0							
"	Allowance for Damage of Crops by Builders	.	.	2	0	0							
"	Vegetables sold	.	.	0	10	0							
"	Trespass	.	.	0	7	0							
"	Hides, Skins, and Fat sold	.	.	115	8	8							
"	Live and Dead Stock, Dec. 31st, 1861	.	.	570	19	0							
				£2638	12	0					£2638	12	0

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

In this my eleventh Annual Report I am again able to speak satisfactorily of the condition of the Asylum during the year which has just expired. The general health of the inmates has been uninterruptedly good, and they have enjoyed a singular immunity from accidents, as well as from epidemic disease; though much annoyance was temporarily occasioned by the admission of a patient suffering from an inveterate form of itch, which spread to other patients and caused much trouble for a time.

Another circumstance in the history of the year—in this Asylum an extraordinary one, and therefore not to be passed over in silence—was the use of mechanical restraint, which was resorted to on two occasions, and which had never before been used, except once in a bad surgical case nearly seven years ago. The first patient to whom it was applied was a young Irishwoman of unusual strength and determination, who was resolved upon inflicting some bodily injury upon herself—to gouge, strangle, or choke herself—and made such efforts to do so, that it took the united strength of four nurses to hold her. At the end of two hours, finding no abatement in her fury, nor any diminution in her strength, and the services of the nurses being required elsewhere, I placed around her waist a leathern belt, to which the wrists were secured by padded straps. The effect of this was, that finding resistance useless she instantly became tranquil, and never afterwards gave us a moment's trouble. The restraint was continued between two and three hours.

The other was a patient who was admitted with a large wound in her throat, made just before she came, which, after it had united, she tore open. The restraint in this case was continued for one night only.

The admissions during the year were 142, just the average of the previous ten years, but 14 more than in 1860. Twenty-five were re-admissions, after absences ranging from three months to ten years ; but one patient, who was taken away by his friends contrary to my advice, was brought back at the end of ten days. The average daily number of patients in the House was 360, the lowest number 342, the highest 377.

There were 45 recoveries, being 31 per cent. upon the year's admissions, the same as 1860. The average of the previous ten years was 41 per cent.

The rate of mortality was lower than in any former year. The number of deaths was 30, which is 20 per cent. upon the year's admissions, but only 6 per cent. upon the total number under treatment. It will be seen by Table XI. that one-third of the deaths arose from general paralysis, and nine, nearly another third, from other forms of cerebral disease ; seven were from pulmonary affections.

In two cases of sudden death inquests were held : the verdict in each case was "Died by the visitation of God."

Having regard to the bodily condition of the patients recently admitted, among others three helplessly bedridden patients admitted at the same time, and also to the great number of paralytics whose cases are fast verging towards their inevitable termination, it is to be expected that the mortality during the present quarter will be far beyond the average.

Owing to the exposed state of the premises during the progress of the new buildings, an unusual number of patients have been tempted to escape, and six of the absconders (five men and one woman) were not again heard of in time to be reinstated as patients.

All the others were either fetched back or returned voluntarily, after short absences, except one who returned on the fourteenth day.

A few years ago an article appeared in a medical periodical condemnatory of the practice pursued in this and many other Asylums with regard to the uncleanly patients. As it was written by one of our most distinguished Medical Superintendents, I felt that the opinions therein enunciated were entitled to the gravest consideration, and, therefore, instituted the following experiment in order to satisfy my own mind upon the subject. I directed the night attendant, for a time on alternate weeks, not to interfere at all with that class of patients, and carefully noted the result, which, though I have mislaid the memoranda made at the time, I well recollect did not in any way bear out the views of the author of the paper alluded to.

Lately my attention having again been called to the subject, and wishing for exact data to replace those mislaid or lost, I repeated the trial for a single week. The result, then, was as follows. On the male side, during the trial week, there were 75 wet beds and two dirty, against an average of 38 wet and not one dirty during the previous three weeks. On the female side, setting aside one exceptional case, the trial week produced 32 wet and 18 dirty, the average previously having been 12 wet and only one dirty in three weeks. This statement fully disposes of one of the two objections made to our practice, viz., that it does not materially lessen the amount of uncleanness. The other objection is, that to disturb persons from their sleep by taking them out of their bed two or three times every night, must have an injurious effect upon their general condition,—an objection plausible enough in theory, but not borne out by experience. Long and close observation has convinced me that the patients do not suffer in any way by being taken out of bed, for in a few minutes all are again as fast asleep as though they had not been disturbed, a few are scarcely awakened by it, and it is worthy of notice that some from habit got out of themselves, thus lessening the number of wet beds which would otherwise have

occurred. Were the practice to be discontinued, one of two things must happen, either many more of the patients would often have to pass a great part of the night in wet beds, or they would be kept shivering in the cold while the clothes were being changed. It is hardly necessary to say that the practice is limited to chronic cases ; for in recent and acute attacks unbroken sleep is of too great importance to admit of such interference.

The ornamentation of the wards is proceeding as rapidly as the means at our command admit of ; whitewash is giving way to paper and paint, and benches to chairs, tables, couches, book-cases, curtains, pictures and other ornaments are being gradually introduced into the different apartments. When the whole is completed, which, however, must be a work of time, the interior of the Asylum will have as much the appearance of an ordinary dwelling-house as so large a place can be made to assume.

It has been remarked that the style in which these things are being done is too good for the class of persons (Paupers) for whose reception the building was erected, and calculated to make them dissatisfied with their own homes. To this it may be replied, that the character of the furniture, &c., is not superior to what is frequently met with in the houses of that class of artizans from which many of our patients are drawn ; some it is true come from a lower station, but not a few also from a higher. It must be borne in mind that a large proportion of the inmates of this Asylum, I think fully one-half, are persons whose pauperism is solely the consequence of their mental malady, and who would not have been reduced to that condition by any other cause. It appears to me that such persons no more deserve to be called paupers than do the inmates of any large Hospital, both being equally, and for similar reasons, the recipients of public bounty. But the question must be looked at from another point of view : What effect does all this elaborate preparation have upon the minds of patients ? Does it make them more contented, more tranquil ? Especially does it tend in any way to promote their recovery ?—a consideration paramount to all others.

That a well-ordered, well-furnished house has a tranquillizing effect, and thereby a curative influence upon the minds of insane persons, is seen in the fact that in such a house there is less destruction of property than in one meagrely furnished. I say this, not from any preconceived notions upon the subject, for they were just the contrary; but from a conviction which has been gradually forced upon me by the experience of the last ten years.

Our Library is the only valuable property which has suffered any material injury; not, however, from wanton mischief, so much as from the wear and tear of ordinary use. From this cause, conjoined with our increasing numbers, and the proposed subdivision of the Library into sections in order to provide each gallery with a Library of its own which will be always accessible to the patients, our present stock of books has become altogether insufficient for our wants; I therefore unhesitatingly appeal to the liberality of generous and sympathizing friends for contributions of surplus books from their private collections towards supplying our deficiencies.

THOMAS GREEN,

Medical Superintendent.

January 10th, 1862.

MEDICAL STATISTICAL TABLES.

TABLE I.

SUMMARY OF ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES, AND DEATHS DURING THE YEAR 1861.

	Private.		Pauper.		M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	M.	F.			
Patients in the House, } January 1, 1861 . . . }	7	8	154	175	161	183	344
Admitted during that year	1	0	67	74	68	74	142
	8	8	221	249	229	257	486
Discharged Recovered . .	0	0	21	24	55	55	110
„ Improved . .	0	1	7	4			
„ Unimproved . .	0	1	6	16			
„ by Death . .	1	0	20	9			
Remain, 1st January, 1862	7	6	167	196	174	202	376

Average Daily Number, Males 169, Females 191.

Highest number 377, lowest 342.

TABLE II.

TOTAL ADMISSIONS, DEATHS, AND DISCHARGES.

	Admissions.			Deaths.			DISCHARGES.						Total Deaths and Discharges.			Remain from each Year's Admissions.		
	M. F. Total.			M. F. Total.			Recovered.			Improved.			Unimproved.			M.	F.	Total.
	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.			
1850	112	95	207	7	3	10	6	3	9	1	—	1	5	—	5	28	29	57
1851	89	87	176	20	11	31	21	27	48	2	4	6	5	5	10	10	9	19
1852	58	62	120	24	13	37	15	31	46	8	7	15	15	14	29	6	8	14
1853	87	87	174	32	15	47	31	42	73	4	3	7	12	6	18	7	5	12
1854	71	70	141	28	18	46	30	37	67	7	9	16	11	11	22	2	12	14
1855	56	66	122	18	10	28	31	28	59	5	6	11	7	7	14	8	14	22
1856	78	48	126	19	12	31	33	24	57	7	4	11	14	4	18	4	10	14
1857	98	56	154	28	12	40	29	28	57	11	—	11	7	3	10	16	13	29
1858	92	74	166	19	17	36	44	35	79	7	5	12	9	5	14	15	20	35
1859	58	60	118	25	13	38	28	41	69	4	6	10	17	16	33	16	16	32
1860	67	61	128	23	18	41	20	20	40	2	2	4	14	8	22	21	20	41
1861	68	74	142	21	9	30	21	24	45	7	5	12	6	17	23	41	46	87
	934	840	1774	264	151	415	309	340	649	65	51	116	122	96	218	174	202	376
													760	638	1398			

TABLE III.

Showing how the Patients remaining on the 1st of January, 1861, from each Year's Admissions, have been disposed of during that year.

Number of Patients remaining from the Admissions of	Cured.	Improved.	Unim- proved.	Died.	Remain.
1850 . . 62	..	..	1	4	57
1851 . . 22	..	..	1	2	19
1852 . . 17	..	..	3	..	14
1853 . . 12	..	..	..	..	12
1854 . . 15	..	..	1	..	14
1855 . . 22	..	..	..	..	22
1856 . . 14	..	..	..	..	14
1857 . . 31	1	..	..	1	29
1858 . . 40	2	..	2	1	35
1859 . . 41	1	5	2	1	32
1860 . . 68	14	2	7	4	41
344	18	7	17	13	289

TABLE IV.

STATE OF PATIENTS IN THE ASYLUM ON THE
1ST OF JANUARY, 1862.

			M.	F.	Total.
As to probability of Recovery	Curable	.	20	49	69
	Incurable	.	154	153	307
					376
Social State	Married	.	61	76	137
	Single	.	101	102	203
	Widowed	.	12	24	36
					376
Epileptics	.	.	38	37	75
Paralytics	.	.	21	6	27
Congenital Imbeciles	.	.	13	4	17
Criminal Lunatics	.	.	4	10	14

TABLE V.

FORM OF DISORDER IN THE 142 CASES ADMITTED
IN 1861.

	M.	F.	Total.
Mania	39	51	90
Ditto with Paralysis	13	1	14
Ditto with Epilepsy	3	7	10
Melancholia	3	9	12
Dementia	3	3	6
Ditto with Paralysis	3	1	4
Ditto with Epilepsy	1	1	2
Imbecility and Epilepsy	3	1	4
	68	74	142

TABLE VI.

DURATION OF DISORDER AT THE TIME OF
ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
Not exceeding One Month	27	31	58
„ „ Three Months	9	11	20
„ „ Six Months	13	14	27
„ „ Twelve Months	4	7	11
„ „ Two Years	6	7	13
Above Two Years	9	4	13
	68	74	142
Cases of more than One attack	16	17	33

TABLE VII.

AGES OF THE 142 PATIENTS ON ADMISSION.

	M.	F.	Total.
From 15 to 20	6	5	11
„ 20 „ 25	3	10	13
„ 25 „ 30	8	9	17
„ 30 „ 35	10	5	15
„ 35 „ 40	12	10	22
„ 40 „ 45	6	9	15
„ 45 „ 50	10	9	19
„ 50 „ 55	6	3	9
„ 55 „ 60	1	5	6
„ 60 „ 65	4	2	6
Above 70	2	7	9
	68	74	142

TABLE VIII.

CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS CONDITION.

					M.	F.	Total.
Social State	Married	.	.	.	35	35	70
	Single	.	.	.	27	28	55
	Widowed	.	.	.	6	11	17
					68	74	142
Of Fair Education					2	2	4
Able to Read and Write					46	44	90
Able to Read only					3	10	13
Uneducated					17	18	35
					68	74	142
Established Church					57	51	108
Protestant Dissenters					5	13	18
Roman Catholic					6	10	16
					68	74	142

TABLE IX.

ASSIGNED CAUSES OF DISORDER.

					M.	F.	Total.
Family and other Troubles	.	.	.	.	11	12	23
Death of Relatives	.	.	.	.	2	1	3
Imprisonment	.	.	.	.	0	2	2
Religion	.	.	.	.	0	2	2
Climacteric Change	.	.	.	.	0	1	1
Over Work	.	.	.	.	1	0	1
Drinking	.	.	.	.	14	3	17
Paralysis	.	.	.	.	1	1	2
Epilepsy	.	.	.	.	4	5	9
Injury to Head	.	.	.	.	2	0	2
Puerperal	.	.	.	.	0	4	4
Hereditary, no other Cause stated	.	.	.	.	4	4	8
Unassigned	.	.	.	.	29	39	68
					68	74	142
Hereditary tendency ascertained in	.	.	.	.	6	8	14

TABLE X.

PREVIOUS OCCUPATION OF PATIENTS
ADMITTED IN 1861.

	M.	F.	Total.		M.	F.	Total.
Mechanics . .	26	5	31	Printer . .	1	0	1
Wives of ditto . .	0	27	27	Baker . .	1	0	1
Wife of a Surgeon	0	1	1	Servants . .	3	12	15
Shopkeepers . .	3	1	4	Scripture Reader .	1	0	1
Maltster . .	1	0	1	Cab Driver . .	1	0	1
Gardeners . .	2	0	2	Needle Workers . .	0	11	11
Labourers . .	7	0	7	Laundresses . .	0	2	2
Clerks . .	6	0	6	Vocalist . .	0	1	1
Carpenters . .	3	0	3	Brothel Keeper . .	0	1	1
Shoemakers . .	4	0	4	Prostitute . .	0	1	1
Tailors . .	2	0	2	Governess . .	0	1	1
Horse Dealer . .	1	0	1	Bottle Washer . .	0	1	1
Coal Dealer . .	1	0	1	Rag Gatherer . .	0	1	1
Publicans . .	1	1	2	No Employment . .	3	8	11
Brewer . .	1	0	1				
					68	74	142

TABLE XI.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE 30 FATAL CASES.

	M.	F.	Total.
General Paralysis ending by exhaustion . .	5	1	6
„ „ „ coma . . .	1	0	1
„ „ „ convulsion . . .	2	0	2
„ „ „ and phthisis . . .	1	0	1
Softening of brain . . .	2	0	2
Apoplexy . . .	0	2	2
Maniacal exhaustion . . .	1	2	3
Epileptic ditto . . .	1	0	1
Meningitis . . .	0	1	1
Pulmonary congestion . . .	1	1	2
„ „ „ and nephritis . . .	1	0	1
Phthisis . . .	1	1	2
Pneumonia . . .	2	0	2
Syncopal asphyxia . . .	1	0	1
Albuminuria . . .	1	0	1
Diarrhœa . . .	0	1	1
Old age . . .	1	0	1
	21	9	30

Average age at death : Males 49, Females 51½.

BIRMINGHAM BOROUGH LUNATIC ASYLUM.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT.

TO THE COMMITTEE OF VISITORS OF THE BOROUGH
LUNATIC ASYLUM, BIRMINGHAM.

GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my fourth annual report as Chaplain to your excellent Institution, I have great pleasure in stating that the affairs of the Asylum have been conducted upon the same uniformly excellent rules and regulations which have in former years characterized the Institution.

In the discharge of my ministerial duties, I have with sincere thankfulness to report that during the past year I have continued to receive the warm support and co-operation of the superior Officers, and the respectful regard of the Attendants, in carrying out my plans for the moral and spiritual welfare of those committed to my care and oversight.

The order of Divine Service in the Chapel, and the private ministrations in other parts of the Institution, have been of a similar character to those pursued by me in former years, and may be thus particularized :—

On Sunday the service consists of the Morning Prayer to the end of the Litany, the singing of a Hymn, and the preaching of a Sermon adapted as far as possible to the capacities and requirements of my congregation.

On Wednesday morning at half-past eight, a service is held in the Chapel, consisting of the Litany, the singing of a Hymn, and the delivery of an expository Bible Lecture, a mode of instruction

which experience during the past four years has, in an especial manner, commended itself to my judgment, as not only interesting in its character, but calculated to engage the attention and stimulate the minds of the hearers to healthy action and mental vigour.

On Thursday morning at half-past eight, I read Prayers in the Chapel, afterward visit the Courts and Galleries of the Institution for the purpose of conversation and religious instruction and consolation to the various portions of my charge. I am happy to report that the instruction given is warmly appreciated and affectionately received by the inmates.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper has, with one exception, been regularly and duly administered during the year. The omission alluded to was necessitated by the closing of the Chapel for alterations and enlargement, and the great inconvenience of administering it in the Hall, which, in the interim, had been used for Divine worship.

In consequence of the Hall being required for religious services, the usual Monday evening amusements and recreations were postponed until Christmas; but in order in some measure to supply a source of entertainment to the inmates, your Chaplain delivered a series of popular Lectures on the following subjects: the first being "Biographical Sketches of some of the more Distinguished Men of Modern Times;" the second on "Robert Bloomfield and his Poetry;" the concluding lecture was upon "The Life and Poetry of Cowper." The whole of the lectures, I am happy to report, were listened to with much interest and attention by large audiences.

It is with much satisfaction that I report upon the success which has attended the enlargement and alterations of the Chapel, just completed, whereby a large amount of additional accommodation has been provided for the use of the inmates.

I consider the Chapel in consequence of its recent alterations to be admirably adapted for Divine worship, in every particular, and for the comfort and convenience of both minister and people, the

recently erected Gallery being excellently arranged both for seeing and hearing.

I have also pleasure in mentioning that the Library for the use of the Asylum, consisting of a large number of valuable and instructive volumes, continues to form an important auxiliary to the other means employed for the moral and spiritual welfare of the afflicted inmates.

I have found from long experience that the distribution of religious tracts has proved to be a ready and excellent means of doing good, they are eagerly sought, and for the greater part carefully read by the patients ; and I may mention, that they are the more valued by them from the fact that they are *given* to them and not merely lent. As an instance of the value set upon the tracts by the inmates, after having diligently perused them, they carefully lay them aside for presentation to their relatives and friends, who from time to time visit them ; and thus an affectionate feeling is cherished toward their friends outside, which, if it does not largely contribute toward the recovery of the patients, certainly will not fail to enhance their happiness and promote their comfort during their seclusion.

After a careful review of the events and duties of the past year as regards your Institution, I can with confidence assure you, that no means have been left unemployed for the moral and spiritual welfare of the inmates.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES BRITTAIN,

Chaplain.

January 24th, 1862,

Winson Green.